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RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
HAIPHONG PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE FACILITY, NVN
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE INITIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS AT THE HAIPHONG PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE FACILITY.

2. LOCATION:

WEST EDGE OF HAIPHONG.

3. BACKGROUND:

PRIOR TO ITS DESTRUCTION, THE HAIPHONG TERMINAL CONTAINED 30 ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND FIVE SERVICE TANKS WITH A CAPACITY OF 47,925 METRIC TONS. IT WAS NORTH VIETNAM'S LARGEST STORAGE FACILITY AND ONLY OIL IMPORT TERMINAL. IN JUNE AND JULY 1966 THE HAIPHONG TERMINAL WAS ENTIRELY DESTROYED BY AIR STRIKES. SIMILAR STRIKES ON ALL OTHER ABOVEGROUND STORAGE FACILITIES ELIMINATED THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY'S CONVENTIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY. DURING THE BOMBING PERIOD NO EFFORT TO REPAIR THESE FACILITIES WAS ATTEMPTED AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE COMPELLED TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF COMPARATIVELY SAFE BUT INCONVENIENT AND LIMITED DISPERSED STORAGE AREAS, UTILIZING SMALL CAPACITY BURIED TANKS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

LOW ALTITUDE DRONE RECONNAISSANCE [REDACTED] REVEALS EVIDENCE OF

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RECONSTRUCTION AT THE HAIPHONG STORAGE FACILITY. THREE STORAGE TANKS ARE PRESENTLY BEING REBUILT AND ARE NOW IN EARLY STAGES OF RECONSTRUCTION. WALLS AND CENTER POSTS ON TWO OF THESE TANKS ARE BEING RAISED AND THE TANK BASE AND CENTER POST OF A THIRD IS BEING PREPARED.

SEVERAL MOBILE GENERATORS AND OTHER UTILITY VANS AS WELL AS TANK SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION.

ALSO OBSERVED ARE APPROXIMATELY 70 SMALL TWENTY-FIVE METRIC TON STORAGE TANKS AND NUMEROUS POL DRUMS. SEVERAL ROADS IN THE FACILITY ARE BEING RESURFACED.

5. REMARKS:

WITH THE COMPLETE OR PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HAIPHONG PETROLEUM TERMINAL, THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN OFF LOADING PETROLEUM TANKERS AND STORING LARGE QUANTITIES OF PETROLEUM WILL BE EASED. THE NEED FOR MULTIPLE PETROLEUM TRANSFER, NECESSARY FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, MAY BE REDUCED IF DIRECT TRANSFER FROM TANKER TO STORAGE CAN AGAIN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

REGARDLESS OF THESE POSSIBILITIES, THE TURNAROUND TIME FOR TANKERS WILL PROBABLY BE GREATLY REDUCED BY THE RESTORATION OF THIS FACILITY.

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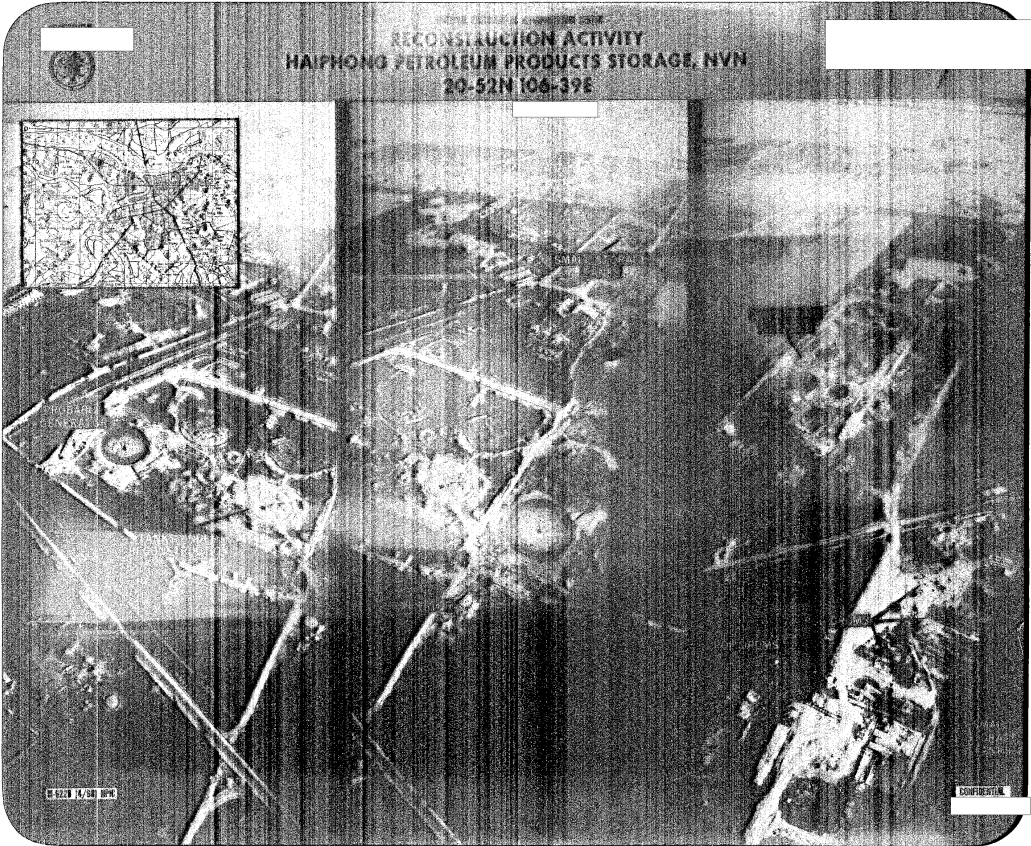
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